

POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO MR.
STEVEN J. CRANMAN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of Miami-Dade's indefatigable leaders, Mr. Steven J. Cranman. His untimely demise last Wednesday, June 3, 1998 leaves a deep void in our community.

Mr. Cranman was attending the Annual Conference of the American Economic Development Council in Nashville, Tennessee when he was felled by a massive stroke. He was barely 42 years old.

A rare South Florida native, Steven was born in Miami Beach. He virtually consecrated his life to public service, and represented the best and the noblest of our community's leadership. He was one selfless hero who dedicated everything he got to the residents of South Dade, who were rendered homeless and almost hopeless by the 1992 devastation of Hurricane Andrew, the deadliest disaster ever to wreck havoc on any community in the United States. Known as a man of limitless passion for the well-being of his fellowmen, he was the leader par excellence who went out of his way to create a convergence of community leaders and common folks alike to focus in on the socio-economic recovery of countless families through the infusion of employment opportunities.

The Perrine-Cutler Ridge community deeply feels the loss of a truly decent and caring man who made it his personal business to reach out to the needs of his neighbors. His relentless efforts in helping South Dade rise from Hurricane Andrew's ashes through economic development and job creation garnered him a prestigious award from the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security. He was also recognized as the 1997 Florida Economic Development Council's District 9 Professional of the Year for his dogged determination in recruiting companies, which subsequently led to the creation of new employment opportunities for the people of South Dade.

The numerous accolades with which various organizations and agencies have honored him through the years symbolize the unequivocal testimony of the utmost respect and admiration he enjoyed from a grateful community. He truly epitomized the resilience and compassion of a community leader whose life served as an example of how much difference each of us can make in behalf of our community's well-being.

This is the legacy Steven Cranman bequeathed to us. I am greatly privileged indeed to have known him as my good friend.

IN HONOR OF MARSHALL W.
"MAJOR" TAYLOR

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Marshall W. "Major" Taylor, a championed cyclist during the late 1800s and early

1900s, for his unyielding perseverance and strength in the face of discrimination.

In recognition of his excellence in the sport of racing and his personal struggle for justice and equality, the Seven Hills Wheelman bicycle club of Worcester renamed its annual 100-mile ride the Major Taylor Century. I stand before you today to pay tribute to an outstanding athlete and admirable citizen.

In spite of widespread racism, the "Worcester Whirlwind," as he was nicknamed by his fans, valiantly pursued his passion for cycling. Taylor endured threats and physical assaults, yet rose to excellence in defiance of Jim Crow segregation laws that permeated the country as well as the sport of cycling.

In 1900, Taylor won the American sprint championship race, ultimately proving that hard work and perseverance can have glorious rewards.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to take a moment to join me in honoring Major Taylor for his athletic ability and his sportsmanship in the face of intolerance.

IN HONOR OF ARTHUR BROWN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur B. Brown who celebrates his 90th birthday this week.

Mr. Brown was born on the Upper East Side of Manhattan in 1908 to Hungarian immigrants. After the death of his father when he was only 17 years old, Mr. Brown was forced to quit high school and work to support his family. At 20, he became the youngest person to become a licensed plumber in the city of New York.

Mr. Brown's successful business and his genuine understanding of the plumbing profession lead to his invention of the Holby Tempering Valve, an instrument which is now used around the world.

The success of Mr. Brown's business has enabled him to acquire considerable real estate on the Upper East Side, as well as an off-Broadway theater called Theater East which he has owned since 1954.

Beyond his professional life, his commitment to his community is remarkable. Mr. Brown is one of the longest members of Community Board #8 in Manhattan, a board he has been a part of since 1967; he is also a member of the East Manhattan Chamber of Commerce; the 19th Precinct Community Council; the 17th Precinct Community Council; the Central Park Community Council.

Mr. Brown has long been an advocate for the elderly in New York City, most notably as vice president of the New York Foundation of Senior Citizens. In light of these impressive credentials, it is only fitting that the senior citizen housing located at 225 East 93rd Street was named the Arthur and William Brown Gardens after himself and his brother.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Mr. Arthur Brown. He has faithfully served his family and his community for decades and his work for Manhattan is without question worth recognizing. I am proud to have Arthur Brown as a constituent.

STATEMENT ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Institute of Dental Research. The National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) was established on June 24, 1948 by the National Dental Research Act. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize all NIDR researchers and scientists for 50 years of hard work and dedication.

The NIDR has had a leadership role in improving and promoting dental health. As a former dentist myself, I know first-hand how important this research is for every American. The NIDR supports biomedical and behavioral research in its own laboratories and in public, private, and academic research centers across the nation. It also promotes oral health worldwide through its sponsorship of international meetings and information exchanges.

The NIDR has dedicated 50 years to researching tooth loss and other related diseases and disorders, including AIDS, osteoporosis, oral cancer, arthritis, and diabetes. Through its research on preventive and diagnostic strategies, the NIDR has contributed to a dramatic improvement in the oral health of the American people. This research saves Americans over four billion dollars in dental expenses every year!

Mr. Speaker, the National Institute of Dental Research has been instrumental in the nationwide decline of oral and dental disease. I wholeheartedly support the NIDR and appreciate its many contributions to dental health over the past 50 years.

IN HONOR OF GRAND CHANCELLOR
SIR WILLIAM D. RUBIN

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today as we commend our dear friend and leader, one of the pillars of our community, Grand Chancellor William Rubin.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Grand Chancellor Rubin was educated in the New York Public School System, graduating from New Utrecht High School, and completing Hunter College. Upon his graduation he began what would become an eighteen year career at a prestigious major building and real estate organization, moving up to the position of supervisor construction.

Sir William, a self-motivated individual, was also employed for many years as President of Sabil Management and Bilken Construction Corporation, companies specializing in many different areas, such as real estate investment and general contracting. His expertise in these fields led him to become President of various corporations, including Seabreeze Associations. In 1958, Bill married Zelda Schwartz, also a loyal Pythian, and they now have three beautiful children, all of whom have completed